

Mondamon Farm Barrack

HABS No. DE-225

Route 2, .25 miles east of the intersection
with Route 13 on the north side of the road
Biddles Corner Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Biddles Corner vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Mondamon Farm Barrack (Beers' <u>Atlas of Delaware</u> , 1868)		HABS NO. DE-225
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Route 2, .25 miles east of the intersection with Route 13 on the north side of the road		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) mid 19th century (construction)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Mondamon Farm barrack is the last known example of a mid 19th-century earthfast hay barrack to survive in New Castle County. As a type, these open sided hay storage structures were not uncommon in the 18th or early 19th centuries.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The barrack is an open frame structure supported on earthfast posts and covered with a fixed roof with boarded gables.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approximately sixteen by 24 feet with open sides.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The post supports for the barrack roof are barked cedar to a height of approximately ten feet and then hewn square for a braced frame roof structure. Originally only the north wall was boarded in (a possible alteration), but the building has been entirely enclosed in 1984-85.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The rafters are joined at their apex with a ridge board (and are not joined with a bridled joint), a feature which did not gain currency in the area until ca. 1850. The framing for the vertical board upper walls is post-and-rail.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1984-85: The three open sides of the barrack were enclosed with modern siding.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good: farm equipment storage.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places 1985. D.G. Beers, <u>Atlas of the State of Delaware</u> 1868; Cultural Resource Survey, DE. Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.		
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